

Amendment No. 1 to HB3273

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AMEND Senate Bill No. 3156

House Bill No. 3273*

by deleting all language after the enacting clause and by substituting instead the following:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 6, Part 1, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated section:

49-6-1___. The department of education shall establish a four-year pre-kindergarten pilot project to be conducted in the LEA with the most schools operated by the achievement school district (ASD). Pre-kindergarten in that LEA shall be fully funded by the state for pre-kindergarten students who attend ASD schools or school clusters that feed into schools that are operated by the ASD in that pilot project. The pilot project shall begin with the 2012-2013 school year. At the conclusion of the four-year pilot project and every four (4) years thereafter, the office of research and education accountability in the office of the comptroller of the treasury shall evaluate the program as to its effectiveness and whether it should be continued and expanded. The office of research and education accountability shall report its first set of findings and conclusions to the department and to the education committees of the senate and the house of representatives by July 1, 2016. The last report of the office of research and education accountability shall be made by July 1, 2028.

SECTION 2. The provisions of this act shall not be construed to be an appropriation of funds and no funds shall be obligated or expended pursuant to this act unless such funds are specifically appropriated by the general appropriations act.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2012, the public welfare requiring it.